

NO DOUBT EXISTS

The Cumberland Captive One of the Train Robbers.

MARKED MONEY IS FOUND

Searcy's Pal Escaped but Can Easily Be Located.

TELEGRAPH OPERATOR HELPED

Developments full of significance—Express officials and Pinkerton detectives on the scene—The Arrested Man is One of the Two Seen at Front Royal—Memorandum Book Containing Figures That Tell Tales. The Prisoner Almost Gives Himself Away to a "Times" Reporter—His Express Counsel and Will Apply for Habeas Corpus—Messenger Crutchfield Will Confess the Capture to the "Times" Exclusive Story of the Talk of the Town.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

CUMBERLAND, Md., Oct. 17.—No further doubt can possibly exist that one of the Aquia Creek train robbers has been caught in this city while trying to escape to the West. A web of circumstantial and corroborative evidence has been woven about the prisoner, who gives the name of C. J. Searcy, and the money and rough clothing found in his possession have conclusively proved his connection with the desperado who rifled the Adams Express car on last Friday night.

By the first train from Washington to-day a party of Pinkerton detectives arrived, accompanied by Messrs. C. H. Hilde, who only returned from the scene of the hold-up last night in company with P. S. Crutchfield, of Richmond, the messenger in charge of the car at the time the masked men entered and forced him to open the safes at the station by George C. Hild, an agent for the Adams Company stationed in Baltimore, and proceeded without delay to the office of the company, on Baltimore street.

The developments before the arrival of the detectives with Messenger Crutchfield were full of significance. In the possession of the prisoner was discovered \$1,054.22 in cash, of which \$497 was in greenbacks. When Mr. Hild called upon the local authorities and was shown the captured coin, he picked up the roll of greenbacks, at once holding them up to the light, and making a close scrutiny he exclaimed, "Well, this leaves no further room for doubt, this is one of the men," in an exultant tone.

FOSTERED THE GREENBACKS.

Then he showed that every one of the notes and small perforations, which the official regarded with glaze, then he told the police that in every package of money shipped by the Adams Express the notes are attached together, leaving, when separated, tiny holes, which one could not fail to discover upon examination. On scrutinizing every one of the notes it was found that they contained these holes in just the places where they would be made by the one making up the money package.

Mr. Hild also closely examined a memorandum book which Searcy, as he must be called, for want of a better name, had in his pocket. Even the clearest and most astute thieves leave loopholes for detection. In this book was a row of figures in which \$2,500 had been divided, by two, besides a quantity of other valuable information which the authorities refuse to give out.

The book contained a diagram which is believed to show where the greater part of the \$150,000 stolen last Friday night has been hidden while the robbers effected their escape, intending to come back at some future date when everything is believed to be safe and secure the booty. No section of country is indicated by this rude plan, and now the greatest endeavor of the detectives will be to unearth the hiding place of the treasure.

The arrested man is one of the two seen in Front Royal, but through the probable collusion, it is hinted, of a telegraph operator, the pair of Searcy managed to make his escape as already described in these dispatches.

CONTESTS OF THE VALUE.

A value containing rough clothing, muddy shoes, and a suit of clothes, such as would be worn by a man not desiring his face to be seen, was found in the prisoner's possession, together with five revolvers of forty-four caliber, and several rounds of cartridges.

Mr. Hild has followed these men by every train since the first trace of them was discovered, always being several hours behind them. To-morrow afternoon the express company will be obliged to show the value of their case against Searcy, because he has engaged the services of a smart lawyer and a writ of habeas corpus was secured this afternoon, with the hearing fixed for to-morrow, but while Mr. Hild telegraphed for instructions to J. O. A. Heron, in Washington, last night, he stated that he had no fear of the prisoner being released.

While the Pinkerton men and the messenger were holding their conference in the express office last night, a reporter hurried to the jail to get a look at the train robber. The holding place of Searcy is not an imposing affair, and Sheriff Clarence King lives with his family in rooms immediately adjoining the barred and grated structure in which the offenders are kept.

When the correspondent secured permission to interview the bold thief he found Searcy packing up and down very nervously and smoking incessantly.

INTERVIEWED BY THE REPORTER.

He was confined in a large, roomy cell, and a motley collection of tramps and petty offenders were moving about freely with him. When asked to the guard door the prisoner proved to be tall and medium in build, with a thin face that was rather attractive, and a small, brown mustache. He is really quite good-looking, and would pass for a prosperous business man.

At this time he was a good suit of clothes, which had been bought here, and a stylish alpaca hat. When questioned he began to

tell stories of the most conflicting and rambling nature.

"Hello, sport! This is not a nice place for you to be, was the greeting he received. "No, it's very unpleasant, and I want to get out of here just as soon as I can."

"Where did you come from?" "Just crawled out of the East and I'm going out to my home in the West."

"But you registered at the Windsor Hotel as from Memphis, Tenn."

"Well, that was because I was drinking, I guess."

"Do you know why you are locked up?" "No, I don't, haven't the slightest idea."

Then after further protest he admitted that he had been informed that it was for connection with the train robbery near Quantico.

"But say, look here," he said, "don't you think it strange that a man who was concerned in a \$150,000 job should only have about \$2,000 in his pocket?"

"Why did the papers say that \$150,000 was stolen. How do you make it \$150,000?"

SMOKING INCESSANTLY.

Then he grew restless and stammered, and finally said he wouldn't talk any further. All this time he was pacing quickly up and down and pulling away at his cigar incessantly. Then the reporter said to him bluntly:

"Your pal was caught on a Chicago limited."

At once he showed the most intense interest and curiosity.

"Where was he caught? Did he say anything?"

"That's what he had made a bad book, Searcy kept very quiet for a while and only returned some vague answers to questions, saying at different times that he was a mechanic, a stock raiser and a carpenter."

At this point some of the fellows standing around interfered and told him he had better not say another word. Searcy used good language.

In the midst of the clothes evidently used in the train robbery were found several paper tickets, one for a watch at \$17, and another for a pair of shoes at \$10. These were found on September 27, at Hildner's place on Pennsylvania avenue, and another at Searcy's. This shows that the plot must have been conceived at the Capital, and that the gang was in the city for some time.

Searcy was around Cumberland drinking and gambling with the companion who succeeded in getting away. He tried to leave the train and was caught by policeman Beck some squares beyond the station and in a very dark place. The story of his arrest, as told in this morning's early dispatch, is substantially correct.

HE REPLIED JEALOUSLY.

Agent Hild was asked by the reporter if he believed without a doubt that Searcy was one of the robbers. He replied jealously, "And if it had not been for the lying of an operator the other man would have been caught too. Further than that I can say nothing."

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ALDRICH REVEALS HIS PAST

Admits Former Offenses Against the Law and Gives His True Name.

NERVOUS ON WITNESS STAND

He Looks His Accusers Squarely in the Face and Denies That He Is a Forger—His Counsel Tries to Show That Judge Cole Signed All the Notes—Argument Begun.

In the trial of Frank Aldrich for the forgery of Judge Cole's endorsement of seventeen notes the defense followed closely the line indicated by The Times yesterday morning.

William Mayo, the banker, was called first for that side and testified as to Judge Cole's uncertainty about his own signature. Seth A. Terry said he had accompanied Judge Cole to the banking house of Lewis Johnson & Company, and there Judge Cole had placed out several notes as genuine.

"And I remarked," "I think I saw some of them and took them," said Mr. Terry. Then Mr. Mayo, the banker, said: "The man who wrote these notes," pointing to another of the notes, Judge Cole then hesitated and continued, in doubt as to the genuineness of that note. As we parted I said: 'I'm much obliged to you, Judge; you've saved me \$255,000.'"

Mr. Mayo skillfully attempted to confuse the witness by asking him if he thought he remembered the conversation word for word, but with little success. Then the defense introduced John E. Benton, of Mayo & Co.

He said he was a clerk and had a record of notes discounted at the bank. Mr. Mayo then produced several hundred of checks and had Mr. Benton look at them from the books that Judge Cole had endorsed notes for Aldrich by the name and that now given by Aldrich due February 21, 1891, was paid by another note due March 24, 1891, and this by another note due April 27, 1891, and this by another note due May 30, 1891, and this by another note due June 2, 1891, and this by another note due June 5, 1891, and this by another note due June 8, 1891, and this by another note due June 11, 1891, and this by another note due June 14, 1891, and this by another note due June 17, 1891, and this by another note due June 20, 1891, and this by another note due June 23, 1891, and this by another note due June 26, 1891, and this by another note due June 29, 1891, and this by another note due July 2, 1891, and this by another note due July 5, 1891, and this by another note due July 8, 1891, and this by another note due July 11, 1891, and this by another note due July 14, 1891, and 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